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Attorney Docket No. 06502.0302-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Paul J. HINKER

Application No.: 09/686,628

Filed: October 12, 2000

For: AUTOMATIC CONVERSION OF SOURCE
CODE FROM 32-BIT TO 64-BIT

ATTN: Petitions Office

Group Art Unit: 2122

Examiner: Gross, Kenneth A.

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for Patents, under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.181, to withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application. Applicant contends that the application is not in fact abandoned and, therefore, this petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 is appropriate (See M.P.E.P. § 711.03(c)). This petition is being filed within two (2) months of the mail date of the Notice of Abandonment (attached) and is thus timely under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(f).

The following prosecution history is relevant to this petition:

1. In response to the Office Action of June 23, 2003, Applicants filed an Amendment on September 22, 2003, as evidenced by a date-stamped postcard (attached as Exhibit A) showing receipt of the Amendment by the PTO.
2. The Examiner called Applicant's representative in December 2003, inquiring as to the status of the application. During that call, the Examiner indicated that the Amendment filed September 22, 2003, had not been received.

3. On December 29, 2003, Applicant's representative faxed to the PTO (using the number provided by the Examiner) a copy of the Amendment as filed on September 22, 2003, along with a copy of the stamped postcard showing receipt of the Amendment by the PTO. Applicant's representative received a return receipt confirmation of the facsimile transmission (attached as Exhibit B) from the PTO on December 29, 2003, showing the fax cover page and indicating receipt of 20 pages.
4. The Examiner called Applicant's representative in February 2004, inquiring as to the status of the application. The Examiner indicated that he had not received the Amendment and, in response to our further inquiry, Information Disclosure Statements that were filed on October 15, 2003, January 20, 2004, and January 27, 2004.
5. On February 6, 2004, Applicant's representative faxed to the PTO a copy of the September 22, 2003 Amendment and a copy of the accompanying date-stamped postcard. Applicant's representative also faxed copies of the IDSs filed October 15, 2003, January 20, 2004, and January 27, 2004, along with copies of checks 079177, 082320, and 082563 accompanying the IDSs, a copy of the first page of each cited document, and copies of the date-stamped postcards showing receipt of the IDSs by the PTO. A return receipt confirmation of the facsimile (attached as Exhibit C) was received from the PTO on February 6, 2004, showing the fax cover page and indicating receipt of 48 pages.
6. A Notice of Abandonment (with a mailing date of March 23, 2004) was issued by the Examiner, alleging a failure by Applicant to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on June 23, 2003. The Examiner alleged in the Notice that the Office received no reply to the June 23, 2003 Action.
7. Applicant's representative contacted the Examiner by telephone on March 26, 2004. During that conversation, the Examiner indicated that he had not received the facsimile correspondence and that he would contact Applicant's representative again after discussing the issue with his supervisor. No further communication has been received from the Examiner.

Contrary to the Examiner's allegations in the Notice of Abandonment, the PTO has indeed received a reply to the June 23, 2003 Office Action. The PTO received Applicant's Amendment, which was responsive to the June 23, 2003 Action, three times (once by courier and twice by facsimile), as evidenced by the attached stamped postcard and facsimile confirmations. The response was originally filed within three months of the mailing date of the June 23, 2003 Office Action and was therefore timely filed. For the foregoing reasons and in

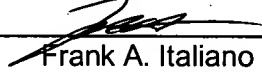
view of the attached evidence, the Examiner's holding of abandonment is clearly erroneous. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the holding of abandonment of the application be withdrawn.

As stated in M.P.E.P. § 711.03(c), this petition does not require a fee. If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this Petition, however, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, such an extension is requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any related fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: May 12, 2004

By: 
Frank A. Italiano
Reg. No. 53,056

Attachments: Exhibit A – Copy of date-stamped postcard showing receipt by the PTO of the Amendment filed September 22, 2003.

Exhibit B – Return receipt confirmation of facsimile transmission, dated December 29, 2003.

Exhibit C – Return receipt confirmation of facsimile transmission, dated February 6, 2004.



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EXHIBIT A



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Group Art Unit: 2122

Filed: October 12, 2000

Examiner: Kenneth A. Gross

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1. Amendment



Dated September 22, 2003

Docket No.: 6502.0302

(Due Date: September 23, 2003)

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Subject: Serial No. 09/686,628 <u>Our Reference: 06502.0302</u>	# Pages (Incl. this) 49
	Date: February 6, 2004

Confirmation Copy to Follow: No

Message:

Enclosed are copies of the following:

- (1) Amendment filed on September 22, 2003, together with a copy of the date-stamped postcard indicating the filing of this paper on September 22, 2003;
- (2) Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 15, 2003, together with a copy of Check No. 079177, the first page of the cited document, and the date-stamped postcard indicating the filing of these papers on October 15, 2003;
- (3) Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 20, 2004, together with a copy of Check No. 082320, the first page of the cited references, and the date-stamped postcard indicating the filing of these papers on January 20, 2004; and
- (4) Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 27, 2004, together with a copy of Check No. 082563, the first page of the cited references, and the date-stamped postcard indicating the filing of these papers on January 27, 2004.

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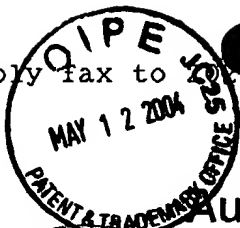
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Amendment filed 09/22/03 attached.

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